

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE MARK OF THE BEAST

We Must be in Close Touch With The Lord if we Escape.

TO THE CHURCH OF GOD BELONGS KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM.

The book of Revelation is a wonderful book. Many claim to understand its teaching, but intellectual as well as spiritual people differ in their interpretation of it.

It is a book for the last days and can hardly belong to any other period for its fulfillment. Some of it has been fulfilled and some has not. Some of it is having its fulfillment now.

It is a difficult book to understand because the writer uses so much figurative language. It is not easy at every point to know just where the figurative stops and the literal commences.

There are three classes of interpreters of this book. One class wants to make it all figurative and apply it according to their knowledge of things. Another class wants to make it literal and apply it to a time they will never see. A third class claims it is both figurative and literal and that it is its own interpreter as to what is figurative and what is literal.

Bible scholars have had such different views about it so that scarcely any two agree. This has been the means to a great extent of causing us to remain silent on the subject. I never wanted to guess at its meaning or put an interpretation upon it that would prove false. I have always believed it would be made plain some day.

Although I have said but little about this wonderful book and its meaning, I have not counted it of no value and refused to give it my attention. On the other hand it has claimed much of my attention and when alone with God I have searched for its hidden mysteries.

There is something said of this book that is said of no other book in the Bible. The writer assures the reader of it that he will be blest. He also declares that they that hear it will be blest. Then there is a promise of blessing upon those that keep the things that are written in it. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein." (Rev. 1:3.)

When I read this I conclude there is something good for us in the subject before us—The Mark of the Beast. This is only one of the many themes to consider, but little as many may think about it this subject is evidently worthy of our careful consideration.

There are two pictures I wish to present the first thing I do. If we take a good look at them it may help us to understand more about the whole subject. These pictures are both given in the book itself. I do not need to paint them, they are already

painted in the most attractive manner.

The first picture is described as follows: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Rev. 14:9-11.) "And there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast." (Rev. 16:2.)

Now let us look at another picture of an entirely different character. "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou king of saints." (Rev. 15:2,3.) "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." (Rev. 20:4.)

These pictures are enough to show that we do not want the mark of the beast on us, and that it is better to suffer death no matter how cruel the torture may be than to submit to it. Many will receive the mark, and go right on buying and selling as usual, but there will be a great number that will not submit to it although they will not be permitted to make purchases and sales. (Rev. 15:17.)

As we view the Scriptures on this subject we are convinced that we must be in close touch with the Lord if we escape from the power of the beast and keep his mark off of us. This has become a matter of much concern among our people. They do not intend to yield to the beast, but when, and where, and what, are terms that they are pondering in their minds.

Some one has sent me a clipping from one of the papers and asked me for information about

it. We give it space here in connection with this subject:

LONDON IS BEWILDERED BY COMPULSORY RATION PLAN

Food Cards For Every One, Young and Old, Rich And Poor, Will be Required.

London, Jan. 23.—Compulsory rationing has come. London and the home counties, will go on rations Feb. 25. Details of the scheme are not yet fully determined upon, because the local food committees have until Monday to proffer any late suggestions as to the workings of the plan. But it is probable that the outline of the food controller's plan will be as follows:

Individual food cards will be issued to every one, children below a fixed age receiving cards of a different color. Each card will contain four sets of spaces for cancellation by the shopkeeper; the first set to be used for the purchase of butter and margarine, the other sets for the purchase of other foodstuffs as may be found desirable to ration later.

TO RECORD EVERY PURCHASE.

Counterfoils will be attached to each card for deposit with the shopkeeper chosen by each customer to supply him with each article of food brought under the scheme. Each food control committee will issue cards to the persons resident within its jurisdiction. The householder will fill out a simple form of application, which will be retained by the food office, and a food card will be issued to each member of a household.

The customer must produce his food card for every purchase. In the case of meat and other articles the ration of which must differ according to the requirements of the different sections of the population, the following special considerations apply: The normal ration will be obtainable on the production of a normal card. Persons entitled to additional rations will have to make a special claim and support it with suitable evidence. The cards of such persons will be so stamped by the food office. Special provision will probably be made for persons taking meals in restaurants. Meal coupons, probably in the form of books of stamps, may be issued for this purpose.

Enormous difficulties confront the food controller, and when he does determine on a plan or a set of plans it can be seen from the above how difficult it will be for the public to realize where it stands.

Endless skeins of red tape and muddle loom ahead before even London alone settles down into a satisfactory routine under this system. The people are already bewildered by announcements of such plans as are outlined above.

But, endless as the difficulties which confronts this scheme appear, they are nothing to the food muddle which the country is struggling through today. Householders are at their wits' end. Butcher shops simply close their doors saying, "We have no

meat." For two weeks now many families have sat down to jointless Sunday dinners.

Some are wondering if this is an approach toward the mark of the beast, or if it is really and truly the mark in one form. In reply I will say that it is well enough for us to be on our guard. I do not say this is the mark, but I do say that the spirit of the anti-christ is already working and it is becoming emboldened so as to march into our own towns and cities and commanding prices and placing a limit to the amount you purchase.

This same antichrist spirit has brought about such a spirit state of affairs that we cannot communicate with our missionaries and friends across the sea without somebody opening the letters and reading the contents. We do not know how soon this will be at work in our own country. Now that this spirit is working so freely there is scarcely any limit to his power. We are told that to this beast will be given power and great authority.

There is authority exercised to excess in all the world now according to reports in the newspapers. The reports show that the millions of soldiers on the battlefields are not there from choice, but because of the exercise of the authority. The authority is in the hands of a few and the multitudes are bending their necks to the yoke.

The revelator tells us that to this beast is given power to make war with the saints and overcome them. This war is already on. The saints are now being overcome and forced into the army camps against their will. They are overcome now in this sense. The exercise of authority is overcoming them. Mothers and wives are being overcome as their sons and husbands are dragged off to war contrary to their wishes. This prophecy is already being fulfilled in a measure.

It is along about the time of the showing and exercising of the great authority, and the overcoming of the saints that the mark of the beast will be placed on the foreheads or in the hands of the people. The mark is to be placed in the right hand or in the foreheads. I do not say what this mark is; I do not claim to know what it is, but I wish to repeat that we must be in close touch with the Lord if we escape it, for this beast power or authority is going to cause "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond to receive" it whatever it is.

Their "compulsory ration plan" about to be adopted in England has too much the appearance of it for me to want to wear a tag in order to purchase food. History records no such things as are now being practiced by the warring nations to propagate the war. The war lords are on tip-toe and putting forth every effort they can to make sensations by introducing new plans and schemes and showing their authority.

If this is not the exact time for the mark to be placed on the people it is surely nearing the time. The only place of safety

that I see is to be in close touch with the Lord and obtain from Him knowledge and understanding, and revelations if needs be for protection.

God has not left us without consolation. In regard to this very thing the apostle Paul declares that we "are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." It shall not come on us unawares, but the very fact that so many of our people are stirred up about this matter of the mark of the beast is proof that we are nearing the time and God wants us to keep our eyes open and not be deceived.

To the Church of God belongs knowledge and wisdom. We must know. God will let us know. According to Paul's teaching the Church will know things that others will not know. He says, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God." (Eph. 3:10.)

As we have oft repeated before we must live in close touch with God and one another. We must quit faulting one another and lean together for protection and help. A little more humility, and love for one another may carry us over some dangerous places soon, whereby if we are a little apart we may get caught in Satan's snares.

If we ever expect to help one another now is the time. If we ever expect to be loyal to the Church and the teachings outlined by the Assembly now is the time. If we ever expect to get our eyes open and learn God's ways and know the truth, now is the time.

I feel that there is something strange in the air now. There may be need for us to communicate with every local church, and thus with every member in privacy before long. We need to get our organization so thorough that it can be done on short notice. I almost feel sometimes that we all need to be connected by our own private wires so notice can be flashed to and from headquarters and every member given notice of certain snares that the enemy is laying for us so that we can escape.

I feel a peculiar sacredness creeping over me as I whisper this bit of news to the loved ones far and near. There is something, beloved, there is something and we must creep up a little closer together for these are days full of peculiar happenings and we must know them before they come so we can escape.

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret into his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7.) And this is all the more reason why we should be in close touch with each other, for we are not all prophets. We need to be so thoroughly organized and every member so intent in being at his post that in a few hours time all of our members can be informed of whatever is approaching, whether it is impending danger or some grand and glorious victory or miraculous happening.

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There are two more new tracts added to the list this week.

See the notice of a new booklet in another column. This is written to supply a long felt want among the people.

Sister Lillian Trasher has eighty children in her orphanage at Assiout, Egypt, and her expenses amount to about \$260 each month. She says God provides.

The church at Marietta, Ohio is about to complete their new house. They report victory and expect quite an increase of members as soon as they get in the new building and have a revival.

Special prayer wanted for Mrs Annie Singletary of McColl, S. C. She is very ill and influences are pressing her to submit to an operation. She believes in prayer and believes God will heal when the saints pray for her.

Next Sunday, Feb. 10 th. is home mission day. This should be observed because it is ordered by the Assembly as a day to collect home mission funds. The governments of the world are doing their best to raise money for war purposes and by it will send many souls to hell. We must do our best to counteract this by raising home mission funds to spread the gospel in our own land and save as many souls as possible.

Already some of the subscription blanks we sent out recently have been returned filled with names of subscribers. We very much appreciate the assistance of our friends in increasing the circulation of the Evangel. We have made several efforts to run our subscriptions up to ten-thousand, but have never been successful. The highest mark we have reached has been 7,500. In this campaign let us all pull hard and do our best and make the landing this time at the ten-thousand mark. We will supply you with extra copies and subscription blanks for the asking. Let us hear from you. We cannot offer any remuneration for your services, but I believe God will reward you and you will feel you are helping to spread the message besides. God bless you all.

BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS

D. P. BARNETT

As I was meditating on the Scripture this morning, this passage came to my mind: "Beware of covetousness." The Apostle Paul called the days in which we are living, dangerous days. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous." Today the world is reaching after wealth; there are more millionaires today than ever in the world's history. But this is only the fulfillment of the Word. "Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."—Jas. 5: 3.

But we are not in darkness nor of the night; we are children of the day. We are not of the world; we are a chosen generation; all of our desires and worldly lusts have been crucified with Jesus. Hallelujah!

This is a time when all of God's people should put their whole mind, soul and substance in the work of the Church of God. This is not a time to lay up, but a time to give up.

My wife was down town the other day at a remnant sale; when the door was opened the crowd rushed in and some of the women grabbed both arms full and ran off up stairs. They were making their selections when some others came up stairs and seeing such a pile thought that was another remnant counter and began to look for some pieces for themselves. One of the first women said: "You let these alone; I brought these here for myself." This is the spirit that is in the world today. People are grabbing at this world's goods like a hungry dog grabs a bone and then growl if some one else wants a bite.

"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." This is a time for consecration. "Oh," you may say, "I've been consecrated for years." Let us see. Answer these questions: Is your time God's? Do you spend it ALL for Him—to His glory? Do you THINK for God? Are your mental powers surrendered to God? Or is your mind occupied a part of the time in laying plans and schemes to come in possession of this world's goods? "Beware of covetousness!" How about your tongue? Does it talk for God and for Him only? Does it say only such things as are edifying to those who hear them? Does it talk just like God says for it to talk? or does it sometimes speak harsh, cutting words? And your ears—do they hear for God, such things as will help you serve Him better? or do they somehow like to stay where they hear things that are not apt to edify? Do your hands do all of their work for God? Do they ever take hold of a dollar about which there is any question? Are they so yielded to God that your pen never goes wrong and writes a stinging word?

Do your feet take you where God would have you go? Are you so walking in the Spirit that they never take you from the path of right? Is your money or substance surrendered? Are you using it for God's glory? or are you using it for your own selfish interests, living in luxury and holding your means while the millions whom Jesus loves, and for whom He died, are dying without a knowledge of His love and the salvation He provided

for them. It means a great deal to be CONSECRATED.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some have coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." 1 Tim. 6: 10. The last clause of the ninth verse, in reference to those who would be rich, says they fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction. By looking around we can see men who once had good experiences drowning, and some of them are so far gone that they will never recover. Even ministers of the gospel are selling out, turning away from the truth and preaching to suit the crowd, and some of their people who want to walk in the light are starving for real gospel food. Many preachers are hirelings rather than servants of God.

May God help us to not compromise, but preach the gospel. It is ours to hold up the banner of holiness, for God says He is going to have a church without spot or wrinkle.

Manila, P. I.

My Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I address you thus because I feel that I know you through long reading of the "Evangel." Truly, dear brother, I have long since felt it my duty to write to you and get better acquainted.

I have been inspired time and again and stirred to my soul's depth by your words and have rejoiced and said "Amen," because I felt the Holy Spirit's unction and power in your writings. I only say this for the glory of God; in all things He must have the pre-eminence. Blessed be His name!

I believe that Mrs. Rushin has written you a detailed account of our past and present since being in the Philippines. I fully believe that God led me here, for He did place upon me such a burden and desire to see Pentecost with all that the word means poured out and established also among this nation of people that numbers more than 10,000,000 souls. Praise God, the burden remains to this day.

You doubtless know, and strange to say, that the people living upon this quarter of the globe have been wholly denied the blessing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, to say nothing of precious kindred blessings such as sanctification, divine healing, etc. Surely God is anxious for these dear ones to receive, also, for with Him there is no respect of person.

Satan and his powers of darkness are strongly entrenched here and he seems to be determined to resist us unto the death. But blessed be God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Beloved brother, I mean to see victory here or die in the attempt. All our expectation is in Him.

But I must hasten to a close. There is so much that I have thought to write you, but time forbids now. I do want to say, however, that if this is God's way and will for me to labor with my hands until His truth is planted here, then I take courage from Paul's three years experience at Ephesus, and in His strength press onward. His ways are indeed not our ways and past finding out. I have left the larger details of the work and its opening here entirely in the hands of Mrs. Rushin, since my time at present is so filled with temporal duties.

I have, thank God, by His

Spirit, seen the truth of His church, and pages I could be happy to write on this point; suffice it to say that I have long since been heartily convinced that God is working among, and His blessing is upon the Church of God as it is not upon any other body of Pentecostal people. I would be so happy to be numbered among you.

When the work is opened here we have fully determined that it shall be both under the name and in the name of the Church of God, there by His grace ever to remain; yea, it is already thus.

The letter we are sending broad cast over the Union, I trust, explains itself.

I must now hasten to my office as I am already late.

Pray for us. God bless you, bless you.

Your brother under the blood,
P. R. Rushin.

Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not misunderstand. We now have the new certificate forms ready and according to the ruling of the last Assembly it will be necessary for all the Evangelists to have their credentials renewed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evangelists now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

These three sections are all we will call in at this time. The balance in any state or territory will be good until called for. Please do not misunderstand and send in before your time.

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J. B. Ellis' Slate.

On and at following dates and places I shall hold services with the Helicon brass band:

Jan. 29, 30—Pell City, Ala.
" 31—Piedmont, Ala.
Feb. 1, 2—Jacksonville, Ala.
" 3—Anniston, Ala. (In courthouse)
Feb. 4—Heflin, Ala. (In courthouse)
Feb. 5—Crumbies Chapel, Ala.
" 6, 7—At Brother Gillie's in Randolph Co., Ala.
Feb. 8—Hurricane, Ala.
" 9, 10, 11—Alanta, Ga.
" 12—Rome, Ga.
" 13, 14—Alabama City, Ala.
" 15 R. 1, Springville, Ala.
" 16, 17—Fosters Chapel, Ala.

Feb. 18, 19—Ridgeways, Ala.
" 20—Walls Chapel, Ala.
" 21, 22, 23—Kimberly, Ala.
" 24, 25, 26—Empire, Ala.

There will be twelve of us. Arrange entertainment as handy as convenience will afford, as this will be very strenuous work.

The meetings in Atlanta and Rome may be canceled; I have not heard from the overseer yet. If there is any change, notice will be given in the Evangel.

The church will be set in order at Anniston and at Brother Gillie's.

Pray for us.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST
(Continued from page 1.)

It truly looks some times that the Evangel should grow into a daily, but we may need a more cautious way of conveying information than by a public paper. But I have no fear but what God will let us know some how so we will not be taken unawares.

"Fear not little flock, for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."—Jesus.

Miami, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greetings:

I truly praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness to me. As I look back over the past two years since Jesus found me a poor miserable backslider with a burden of sin and trouble on my poor heart and mind, and then see where He has led me to, my heart truly goes up to Him in thanksgiving for all these things.

As I look back at the trials and temptations that I have passed through I fully understand the meaning of Jesus' words, "Without me ye can do nothing." John 5:15. Truly Satan has stood ready to trip me and cause me to fall; but thank God, He has healed my backslidings and loves me freely. Glory to His name!

I know indeed that I love Jesus with all my heart, soul and strength. Many times I have acknowledged Him in my ways and I believe just as much as I believe the sun shines, that He has directed my paths. (Pro. 3:5) Oh, friends, it is blessed to trust Jesus. It takes the care and worry from our minds, and gives us blessed rest and peace within. Has He not said "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee?" And again, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Oh for words to express my love for my Jesus, my Savior, my Christ, my all and in all. In the words of the poet—"If I could tell of Jesus as I know Him, my Redeemer who has brightened all my way; if I could tell how precious is His presence, I'm sure you would make Him yours today." Praise His name forever!

Reader, if you have not found and accepted this wonderful Savior, let me ask you to give Him a trial.

Your unworthy brother,
T. P. Douglas.

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A Testimony For Jesus.

Beloved of the Church of God Throughout the World:

In Jesus' name I want to testify. For some reason I have never sent a testimony to the Evangel, though I have taken hundreds of subscriptions for the little soul feeder. I feel that in this way, if no other, that I am indirectly preaching to hundreds of families every week.

The dear Lord sanctified me in July 1918, and about three months later He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. He took my tongue and talked with it in another language as in Acts 2:4. Bless His name! He called me to preach and I am doing my best for Him. Since that time I have preached in many places.

I have been healed of many diseases some of which are rheumatism, catarrh, mumps and indigestion. For all this I give God the glory. If I ever have any more sickness I want to give Him the job of healing me. When He sees fit I want Him to take me to the Golden City not made with hands.

That is not all. I have been stoned several times. On several occasions I have been cursed and threatened with whippings, have been driven out of homes for the Word of God; I have been struck with a stick, guns have been drawn on me and my life threatened for the cause of Christ. Now beloved remember that I don't mind these things, but I count it all joy. The apostle Paul said he took pleasure in these things, and so do I. If I should grumble at these things I would not be dead. Col. 3:3 says: "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

It seems that God uses me to go out in hard places where people are blind to a great extent or have had nothing but false doctrine. I do a great deal of street preaching. This is one way God has of throwing out the life line. In some places where I preach on the street people come up and voluntarily give me a little money or ask me home with them or ask me about some point on the Scripture; this gives me an opportunity to explain some other subject of the Bible.

My home is at Cullowhee, N. C. I have been so busy for Jesus that I have not seen my two children since August, 1917. You see I am a dead man. I want you saints that stay at home to pray that God will fill them with the Holy Ghost. Neither of them is saved. One is ten years old and the other seven. My wife has the Holy Ghost and belongs to the Church of God.

I can never reach all the places where I have calls to go, but while I am in this world I want to live for Jesus. Beloved, let us be dead to the world, but alive to Christ.

E. D. Hopkins.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory over sin just now. I praise Him for the Comforter who has come into my soul. Oh, how I do enjoy the presence of God! I feel as if He were very near.

Many times since God saved me I have felt the cleansing blood of Jesus flowing over me; it seemed to be flowing through every vein. Oh, how I want to stay in the center of God's will. Hallelujah! "If ye love me keep my commandments." "If a man love me he will keep my

words." (John 14:15, 2.) As I look into these words that Jesus spoke I feel like I want to honor His blood with all my heart, and all I do I want it to be to His glory.

Notice an illustration:

Here is a man who has a large farm; it takes many hired servants to keep the farm up in good shape. The farm must be fenced for protection; it needs a house, barn, tools, stock, etc. He has hired hands to do the work while he, himself, has the oversight of all. He hires them for so much per day or month. When he stays on the field they work well and he is pleased to see everything moving on so nicely. They obey every command, this is why they get along so well. They love their overseer and do not want to do anything to displease him. They love one another and have no trouble, no confusion, no grumblers, no idlers.

Beloved, God has houses and lands and there is much work to be done. We must take His Word and obey every commandment that He has given. The first thing we need to do is to repent of our sins, get forgiveness and have the blood of Jesus applied to our hearts, receive the Holy Ghost and then we are ready to do something for God. We can work for Him and allow Him to do all the leading and there will be no mistakes, no confusion, no backbiting, no idleness.

In order for us to get to that place we shall have to obey every word God has given us. Just as soon as we walk in all the light that God gives us, begin paying tithes, free will offerings, consecrate our lives to God, keep self out of the way, live up to the teachings of the Church of God, we see things move up, we will see great revivals everywhere the gospel is preached (not a gospel, but the gospel). Then is the time that the world can be evangelized and THE GOSPEL can be preached to all nations and then shall the end come. Then our work will be over, we can lay down our arrow (the Word of God) and take up the crown. Oh, what a grand time. Hallelujah!

Let us as children of God consecrate our lives to His service, for His glory; let us get on the field and do something for God and end the work which must be finished and not leave it for another generation. There are so many people who do not know anything about God, surely we can speak a word for Jesus. We may not all preach, but at home or wherever we are we can live the life; that is the first thing to do. We can let our light shine and keep in His will and all will work out to His glory. Let us all do more for God this year in some way than we have ever done before.

Your brother,
R. E. Hamilton.

Notice.

We would be glad to hear from the members of the Church of God at Wimauma, Fla., who do not have the privilege of meeting with us in services. We would be glad to learn your whereabouts and how you are getting on spiritually. A testimony as often as three months will be appreciated.

Below we give the names of the members whose addresses are desired:

Susie Addison, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Mrs. Clara Ogle, Clarence Oathern, W. E. Harrison, Mrs. Ida Barry, Mrs. Belle Cain, J. L. Barns.

Z. O. Sharp, clerk.

W. S. Caruthers, pastor.

Called to Rest.

One more of our dear brethren has gone to be with Jesus. Dear Brother J. W. Buckalew, after a long siege of suffering, passed away on Jan. 24, 1918. He was born in Trion, Ga., July 23, 1870; age, forty-seven years, six months and one day. A wife, one son and one daughter and a host of friends and brethren and sisters in Christ are left to mourn the departure of this dear soldier of the cross.

Brother Buckalew was converted in the Baptist Church when he was a young man, but afterward went back in sin. In later years he was reclaimed and sanctified in L. P. Adams' meeting and preached holiness for about eight years. When he heard about the baptism with the Holy Ghost, he walked in the light and received this experience in the year 1909. Afterward he carried the full gospel to thousands of people in the South. During his illness he preached to all who visited him as long as he could talk.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and the body was laid away near the old school house where he went to school when a boy.

J. L. Scott.

My first acquaintance with Brother Buckalew was in Jan. 1911, at the sixth Annual Assembly, although I knew him slightly before. He was with me in a tent meeting at Cocanut Grove, Fla., in February of the same year. When we closed the meeting there Brother Buckalew and myself with Efford Haynes and W. R. Haddock and wife, E. H. Cecil, Roy Miller, Marion Whidden, Lula Williams afterward Roy Miller's wife and B. Prom, went aboard the steamer February 15, 1911, bound for the Bahama Islands.

On this evangelistic and missionary trip Brother Buckalew was almost my constant companion. We visited a number of islands where we planted "Holiness seed" and Pentecostal truth. We traveled from island to island in sailing vessels and rowboats. Brother Buckalew was largely the life of the company.

We visited the following islands: New Providence, Farmer's Cay, Ragged, Long Island at several places, Little Exuma, Great Exuma and touched some others. The friends on these islands will always remember Brother Buckalew. He did effective preaching at many places and whether among friends or foes he was always fearless and forcible in giving out his messages.

We left the islands April 27, 1911, and came back to the states. Since that time Brother Buckalew was almost constantly engaged in evangelistic work principally in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. At one time he secured a small gasoline launch and coasted among the Ten Thousand Islands in the Gulf of Mexico preaching to the inhabitants of all classes. He went as far south as Key West.

On one of his trips off the coast of Florida a storm came on and wrecked the vessel. Brother Buckalew was hard put to it to know what to do, but he finally plunged into the sea, took his wife on his back and swam with her to shore. All the other members of the crew were saved.

Brother Buckalew was a great preacher when he was perfectly at himself. He planted the Church of God in several new

places. Many are the souls that date their conversions, sanctification and baptism with the Holy Ghost to some meeting held by him. The testimonies of many doubtless will be heard long hence saying, I received the light under the teaching and labors of Brother Buckalew.

Brother and Sister Buckalew gave themselves to the ministry and hence did not accumulate any of this world's goods. During his late illness he had to be cared for by others. But he had many friends who gladly contributed to his necessities and comfort.

Immediately after his death, Sister Buckalew called me over the 'phone and broke the news to me and asked me to send some one to preach his funeral. I immediately called Brother Scott at Chattanooga and he consented to go. I knew the situation and told Brother Scott to hasten to Trion and give Brother Buckalew a decent and respectable Christian burial and I would pay the bill.

This was done at a cost of only \$62.50. I had been sending them some help from time to time prior to this from a fund instituted at the watch-night service. I do not ask for any assistance in this expense, but this leaves a deficiency in the fund of \$31.18 for me to meet personally unless Brother Buckalew's friends wish to contribute and make it up.

For Brother Buckalew I can say, a strong and efficient revivalist has fallen. He will be missed by many friends, but most of all by his wife, who has been a constant companion with him in almost all of his labors except the trip to the Bahama Islands. She has our heart-felt sympathy in this time of bereavement, but we know she can say, Thy will be done, and toil on until her work is done.

Of Brother Buckalew it can be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13.)—Ed.

Moore Haven, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting to You in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord:

I am praising God tonight for His keeping power. He keeps me 365 days in the year. When I get sick I go to Him and He heals me. We read in the Bible these instructions: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." Jas. 5:14, 15.

Last April there was a man so sick he could not sit up who had two men praying for him; they claimed that God had given them power to heal, but the work was not accomplished. When we went to see him and they told us what was the matter we took him by the hand and in the name of Jesus he got right up and walked off. He gave God the praise for his healing. The Lord is doing wonderful things in these days.

Please pray for me that I may do more for the Lord this year than I have ever done.

Your brother in Christ,
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Dear Evangel Family:

I enjoy reading the good testimonies of the saints and am glad to know that God's great love is sweeping over the world and that His ministers are proclaiming to the ends of the earth the message of the second coming of the Son of man.

I thank God for the highway of holiness upon which the redeemed of the Lord shall walk. I thank Him for the sacrifice that was made on Calvary's cross that gives us an inheritance in the kingdom. I praise Him for the precious promise of His soon coming to receive us to Himself, that where He is, there we may be also.

Your sister,

Lillie Brymer.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am praising God tonight for salvation. I praise Him for showing me the way of holiness and giving me understanding of His Word. Thank God!

The Holy Ghost still abides within my soul. Hallelujah! He can keep us above sin every day. I have been serving God about two years and the way grows sweeter every day. Glory! Praise His name for the way!

Jesus means for us to lift Him up that He may draw people to Himself. If we live true at our homes or at our work, wherever we may be people will see that Jesus is in our lives.

I beg your prayers,

Your sister,
Belle Bain.

Kimberly, Ala.

Dear Friends:

While I was at the Assembly at Harriman, Tenn., 1916, I was seeking the baptism with the Holy Ghost, but failed to receive the experience. I promised some of the people that I would let them know when I received the Holy Ghost, but some way have failed to get it done so far.

I would like to state through the Evangel that on August 29, 1916, I was wonderfully saved from my sins and experienced a joy no mortal tongue can tell. On October 8, after much fasting and prayer, I was sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus. Oh, what great joy! I leaped for joy. It reminded me of the lame man that was healed at the Beautiful gate. On December 26, 1916, I received the Holy Ghost according to the Scriptures. I praise Him for the power He gives me since my baptism. Glory to God for His many blessings!

Yours, on the run for heaven,
Clyde Dodd.

Jews Give to Homeland Fund.

That Jews will celebrate the next Passover in Palestine under a government of their own for the first time in 2000 years is the prediction of Jacob De Haas, secretary of the Provisional Committee on Zionist affairs.

Cleveland is raising \$50,000 of a national \$1,000,000 fund for the restoration of Palestine.

"The first work to be done is to relieve suffering there," says D. Gara, Ohio member of the Finance Commission. "Reports of the Jewish massacres and atrocities have not been overdrawn."

Delegates from Jewish organizations in northern Ohio will meet in Cleveland soon to perfect a central organization, and to launch a \$100,000,000 Jewish Liberty Loan.

HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS

AARON A. SMITH.

David was a shepherd boy and kept his father's sheep in Bethlehem. He knew of the perils of a shepherd's life. He knew what it meant to be a true shepherd to the sheep, how they had to be led from pasture to pasture where the tender grass grew; otherwise they would become poor and sickly, feeding over the same pasture day after day. They, also, had to be led to the watering places regularly.

David drew from his personal experience as a shepherd the thought of the Lord being his shepherd and leading him "beside the still waters." Doubtless David meant to convey a deeper meaning than most of us ever thought.

There is a deep sacredness here in the thought of the Lord leading us beside the waters of quietness. (Mgr.) I imagine I can see the shepherd boy, David, as he leads his flock of sheep down by the quiet water brook where the cool stream sings its little rippling song as it flows gently on over its rocky bed. Here all is so quiet, no troubling sights to behold, nothing to molest or disturb, nothing to fear. So contented the little lambs feed along, then lie down beneath the beautiful shade trees, probably like the cedars of Lebanon, which are along the bank of the quiet stream. Such a feeling of safety seems to possess them; their shepherd is with them—leading them. They trust themselves in his care, have perfect confidence in him. They have no fear of evil because nothing can harm them while their shepherd is so near.

Now, David puts himself in the place of the sheep, saying, "The Lord is my shepherd," and, "He leadeth me beside the still waters, or 'waters of quietness.'" So let us imagine ourselves taking a stroll through lovely green pastures, on down by the quiet stream. It is such a blessed privilege for us to leave the rush of this world, the awful clatter of confusion which we are compelled to hear and see every day and in a spiritual sense go with our Shepherd into the secret place where the waters of quietness flow. Here is a spot so sacred, where our minds are relieved of the awful pressure of the affairs of this world. We shut ourselves in with our great Shepherd; He is so near us; we feel so secure in His care; even the ripple of the beautiful stream seems to speak of His love and mercies to His sheep.

We march along the bank of the river of life; its scenes are fascinating to us; we seem to be wafted into the spiritual realm. We forget our adversary, our troubles and cares of this life. We are being led by the still waters. Oh, its a glorious trip! And when we eventually come to ourselves, we wonder if this is the same old world we once lived in. We are so refreshed, the breeze so cooling, the waters so satisfying, our minds and hearts so relieved; every care has been put aside, every feeling of fear and discontentment entirely lost. We have been out with our Shepherd; His presence has been so precious, the gentle touch of His hand so soothing, we feel as if we had taken on some of His divine nature. We hardly believe ourselves to be the same, in fact we are not the same.

If you have never taken a de-

lightful stroll with our dear Shepherd down by the waters of quietness—in the secret place of the Most High—just try it for once. See how the zephyr breezes blow, how the water brooks sing of His love to you, how pleasant are the environments, how desirable is His presence, and you will not wonder what David meant when he said: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

After being in the city a long time I become tired of the noise and clatter of the wagons, automobiles electric cars, the humming of the mills, and am delighted with the privilege of taking a walk through the quiet woods. I'm away from the noise and confusion of the city; the breeze is delightful; the sun shines brighter; the birds sing sweeter; the trees and flowers look prettier; the brooks and rivers flow more gently and sing a sweeter song than ever before, because I'm away from the din of the city. I'm out where all is quiet.

How much more delightful is it to take a stroll with our great Shepherd! It is glorious to be in His care, led in green pastures beside waters of quietness. I'm delighted with His leadings, with such experiences of companionship with Him by the still waters of life, with the cares of life, fear, discontentment and worry excluded.

Is He your Shepherd? Does He lead you by the waters of quietness?

CALLING US DEEPER

MRS. B. L. SHEPHERD

God is calling us deeper. Every saint who is in touch with God feels the need of more power, feels that the time has come when they must go deeper.

Some of us have stood still so long we have almost lost what spirituality we once enjoyed. But as these last most momentous days are drawing to a close we need to launch out into the great unfathomed ocean of God's love and power.

From the very earliest days God has revealed His plans to those who were in touch with Him. God made known to Abraham His plans to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah; He told Jonah of the destruction of Nineveh, and in many instances He has revealed His plans to His people. He has never destroyed any nation or individual without first giving them warning.

He has told us in His precious Book how we may escape His threatened wrath which He is now beginning to pour out upon this earth. God has many people yet who must be rescued from His wrath and as He uses man as a medium through which to work, He is calling forth every one who will obey His voice and help Him in this work.

It is a wonderful thought that we can be "laborers together with Him." There are such a few people who are willing to obey and follow Him that He is giving a double portion of His Spirit to His faithful few, thereby making quick work of it.

During the past few years God has revealed so many things to us through His Spirit and has repeatedly told us that we must work quickly while it is day. So let us gird up ourselves and as the new year comes in, let us offer ourselves unto Him as clay unto the potter and be still while He fashions us into vessels as it pleases Himself.

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whom He can trust, who will not flinch nor draw back from the necessary polishing. He wants to subdue us so thoroughly that we will have no will of our own, but be so pliant in His hand we will make no reply when He speaks nor any objections to His plans being worked out through us. He wants to subdue us until we have no opinions of our own, no self confidence, but be so submissive to Him that He can conquer us in everything, that He may trust us with His great plans and thoughts.

God must so saturate us with His divine power until He can use us in conquering other souls. We must be so wholly given up to Him that when He applies His heroic means to perfect us quickly we can bear it without flinching.

God is, in these last days, using every usable man and woman to perfect His church and He wants to reveal Himself to us more and more. As we get a glimpse of His power and glory it makes our souls cry out within us, "Give us deeper revelations;" but when the refining process begins which precedes this revelation, we find ourselves drawing back. If we do not yield up to Him and receive these revelations He will raise up a people that will.

The time has come when God wants to restore the gifts to the church and He has commanded us to earnestly contend for them. Are we doing it? Let us pray and pray until we are so completely lost the Holy Ghost will take up the prayer and make intercession for us. They must come and it is our privilege to have them.

History tells us that in cutting diamonds it took many years to cut one precious stone by hand, but now machinery is used to cut them which requires only a few revolutions of a wheel. So with spiritual things. The old way of praying was once sufficient for the salvation of souls but now the work must be done more quickly, and if we will let the Holy Ghost pray and intercede through us we will be amazed at the results.

Let us go forward this year with great boldness. Of course we must contest every inch of territory, but it must be taken and Jehovah is able to conquer. Let us possess the land, cover new territory, wave our banners, stake off our lots in Canaan and inherit our rightful possessions. There is much land to possess and it is our duty to take it. Let us all be so wholly given up to Him until He can work through us in His way and we will possess our land.

The Church of God is going forward and if we do not go on with her we shall be left behind in the wilderness like some of the Israelites and fail to come into our possessions. Come on, brother, sister, let us make the most of our wonderful privileges and help to gain the victory. We can do this no other way except by being conquered by the Holy Ghost and perfectly subdued.

This coming year will show

great things to God's faithful few. Perhaps it will bring back our King if we will hasten and get His body complete. He will make a quick work of it, once we get in unity and unite our efforts and prayers.

When He gives us the gifts we shall not have much toiling to do, but it means more suffering and persecution. But we are willing to suffer in order to hasten His coming.

Go deeper? Assuredly we will; we are going deeper every day. We have already attained new heights which, a few years ago, would have seemed almost impossible, but we are traveling rapidly onward to greater things yet.

"Be bold and of great courage," the inheritance is rightfully ours, and in Jehovah's great name we are going forward this year by leaps and bounds to possess the land. Hallelujah! It is in sight. Do not become faint-hearted; if you do, you must turn back. Let us take it quickly and end the waiting and suspense.

Norwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother:

The minute of the Assembly is wonderful light to me. May God bless you and your good work. I am sure God is blessing the church.

I agree with the teachings all the way through. I am glad there is a chance for God's children to stand together in oneness of mind and spirit. I believe I am safe in saying none else will be honored by Him.

Thank God for more light in these troublesome times. I certainly am a believer in system and government, but here we have none.

I repeat: God bless you and your work. The twelve elders—May God bless them.

Pray that I shall soon be a member and minister of the Church of God.

Your brother in the faith,
W. T. Webb.

Somerset, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brother Adams and Brother Randall have just closed a meeting at this place. About thirty-five were saved, a great number were sanctified and several were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke with other tongues. A goodly number were healed.

On Saturday night the power fell and Brother Randall went to the stove and took out some fire without being burned. Several of the saints handled the red hot stove. God is indeed working among His people.

Your brother in Christ
J. M. Pence.

Gone Home.

Sister Annie Allen departed this life Dec. 21, after a few days illness of measles. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Hurricane, Ala. She held on to God to the last and kept the faith. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and nine children and a host of relatives and friends.

It seemed to be Sister Allen's greatest delight to attend services. She was evidently seeking to know more about the Word of God. She was deeply concerned about the spiritual welfare of her family and had the pleasure of seeing her husband and two of her children baptized with the Holy Ghost before she died.

We will say to Brother Allen and children: Be faithful and you will meet that good wife and mother when Jesus gathers His jewels home. We miss her so much in our meetings, but we are looking forward to that grand meeting where there will be no more partings. The family have our deepest sympathy and prayers.

One that loved her,
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